

STARVES TO AID DOGS

Destitute Music Hall Star
Loves Her Canine Pets.

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Mme. Sanyeah Supported by Charitable Neighbors, but She Saves Best of the Food for Her Dogs—in the Circus All Her Life, and at One Time Performed Before Royalty.

London, Feb. 8.—A woman has been starving herself in a small stable in a back street of Lambeth to feed the dogs which enabled her to earn a living for years. The food which kindly neighbors gave her every day has been used to keep her pets in good condition.

The woman is Mme. Sanyeah, the music-hall "star" who, twenty years ago, was earning \$750 a week. Since August she has rented the loft of a stable, and she has lived there with her eleven dogs and a cat.

Her chief anxiety has been lest her pets should be taken from her. There is no ladder leading to the tiny loft, but an old cart is drawn up against the wall, and she has scrambled up and down this every day when she went out for the dogs' food. A friendly fishmonger saved all the odd pieces of fish for her, and a baker gave her stale bread, and her daily food for weeks consisted of a few crusts of bread and a little water.

For three days she went without any food, and at last, in a state of semi-starvation, she crept to the animals' hospital of Our Dumb Friends' League, and asked for help.

In Hospital.

The dogs are now housed in the hospital, with the exception of a fox terrier named Pigeon, the champion semierault dog, whom her mistress begged permission to keep.

"If Pigeon had to go with the others," Mme. Sanyeah said, "I had made up my mind to take her in my arms and jump over Westminster bridge. She would have fretted herself to death without me."

The story of Mme. Sanyeah's life is a sad one.

"I was born in circus life," she told a reporter yesterday. "My father was William Frost, the famous bareback rider. My mother was one of the first woman tightrope walkers. She crossed a part of the Thames with me in her arms when I was only three months old."

"When I was eighteen months old I used to appear in the circus, my father holding me in his arms as he went through his most difficult performance."

"At sixteen I was known as the 'empress of the air.' I was the first woman to attempt the hanging-by-the-teeth turn from the trapeze."

"I used to drive my own four-in-hand around London, and drew a salary of \$750 a week."

Royal Patron.

"I performed before King Edward when he was Prince of Wales, the kings and queens of Spain, Holland, and Italy, the Czar of Russia, the German Emperor, and the Shah of Persia. At a command performance before Prince Edward of Wales, at Portsmouth, I fell from the trapeze and injured myself severely. The prince was the first to come to my assistance."

"After that I was not strong enough for trapeze work, and began to train performance before Prince Edward of Wales, and have trained them all by love and kindness."

"I still have persistently followed me since I began to grow old. I could have received help from charitable quarters if I had been willing to give up my dogs, but they have been as dear as children to me, and I could not lose them as long as I had a scrap of food."

The dogs are in splendid condition. Besides Pigeon, there is a fox terrier, Snap, which walks up a plank on its forefeet; Paris, a beautiful black collie, which trots like a cavalry horse and marches and "dies" like a soldier; Pepper, the walking dog; Topsy, a pretty fox terrier, which jumps through fire hoops; Tim, which dances and "cake-walks"; and a little white dog, which has one leg amputated, and jumps as well as any of his fellows. The last member of the performing troupe is a white cat, which is devoted to the dogs.

A lady in the country hopes to take charge of the performers, but the animals' hospital is trying to find homes for three collies—Bruno, Sally, and Mack.

BEGGARS HAVE BANK ACCOUNT

Deaf Mute Swindlers in Berlin Captured by Their Own Error.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—A clever gang of Turkish, Greek, and Russian professional beggars, who have been "working" Berlin since the middle of December, after a series of successful operations in other continental capitals, was captured by the police to-day. Their profits had amassed at such a rate that they were compelled to open a bank account for the storage of their ill-gotten gains.

Their scheme was to send out four of the youngest members of the gang, who made a house-to-house canvass of various neighborhoods in the guise of deaf and dumb persons. A printed appeal which the "mutes" presented told a harrowing tale of how, during the last Turkish-Bulgarian hostilities, their parental homes had been pillaged, and the tongues of all the children of the household cut out by blood-thirsty soldiers. Subsequent attacks of typhoid had then robbed them of their hearing.

"Help me, merciful Christian," concluded the plaintive prayer, "and God will recompense you a thousand times." The "beggars" often came home at night with pockets clinking with gold and silver. The swindle came to its last week, however, as a piece of bad management at the headquarters of the gang, which resulted in one of the beggars applying by mistake at a house which a colleague had successfully "worked" a couple of days before.

Novelty at a Ball.

Sheffield, Feb. 8.—At the lord mayor of Sheffield's ball letters were placed in conspicuous places around the walls, and a rendezvous column was included in the programme. When booking a dance partners agreed near which letter they would meet and entered the letter on the card.

Seventy Years in a Workhouse.

London, Feb. 8.—An old woman who died at the Mansfield workhouse yesterday had been in that institution over seventy years, being admitted when she was quite an infant.

Dance Causes Bridge to Collapse.

Belfast, Feb. 8.—A bridge connecting Crut Island, County Donegal, with the mainland, collapsed while a dance was being held on it, and many persons were thrown into the sea.

Paris and Motor Omnibuses.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Motor omnibus traffic is becoming as serious a problem in Paris as it is in London, and the police authorities are inquiring into the question.



New Way of Evading Arrest

WOULD-BE CARUSOS IN TEST.

Out of 156 Candidates Not More Than Four Are Successful.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Out of 156 would-be Carusos from all ranks of life tried at the Theatre des Nouveautés, the jury of distinguished artists and musicians have selected two or three, or perhaps four, tenors, whose names, the president says, "will soon be a world-wide reputation."

The trial went on yesterday from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. before an audience of 1,500. The competitors included medical students, a doctor of medicine, an accountant, soldiers, butchers, stone masons, carpenters, postmen, several landed proprietors, waiters, grocers, and a woman ironer in a laundry named Mme. Verdier, whose attempts to reach a top "C" aroused great enthusiasm, and who is anxious to go on the stage as a tenor vocalist.

The youngest competitor was only sixteen, but weighed 308 pounds. His success was tremendous. One competitor, after suffering from stage-fright in the morning, came back in the afternoon.

"My mother and sisters say I have a very fine tenor voice," he explained. "Unfortunately, I was somewhat nervous this morning. However, I have had a good dinner and a good bottle of wine, so here goes." Then he began to sing, only to arouse the amusement of the audience.

"Go home to your mamma," they shouted. Similar competitions organized by the theatrical journals, "Musica" and "Comedia," took place at Toulouse, Bordeaux, Nice, and Dijon, there being in all 275 candidates.

LEHAR'S NEW OPERA SUCCESS

Expert Says "The Man with Three Wives" Is Adapted to Stage.

Composer of "The Merry Widow" Produces a Piece of Cosmopolitan Character.

Vienna, Feb. 8.—Herr Franz Lehar, composer of "The Merry Widow," says that in his new opera, "The Man with Three Wives," produced at the Theater an der Wien this week, his idea is to give the piece a cosmopolitan character. The three acts are laid in Vienna, Paris, and London, and the music is composed with a view to suiting the character of each capital. Its whole tone is extremely modern by comparison with his earlier work.

In an interview recently George Edwards, who has bought the English rights, said that the piece will be a success in London. The story appeals to him; but he misses songs likely to "catch on." There is room for extensive changes, but the principal elements of success are already in it. It could be very well adapted for the English stage.

The piece as a whole is not likely to have the same success as "The Merry Widow." The orchestrated music did not seem always to match the songs. There are two excellent waltzes and several good melodies, but in the libretto the story was hardly made to develop naturally. At times the music seemed too high class for its surroundings.

The hero, Hans Zipser, is a creature of personality conducted tours, whose leading characteristic is a love of home life. He has, indeed, a wife in each capital. The Vienna wife, as played by Frau Gaudther, scores a great success in her "Slumber Song" in the first act. The comic element is supplied by an Englishman with four daughters of remarkable beauty, and a young man who loses his wife on their honeymoon tour, the wife consoling herself with a Chinese mandarin.

The second act passes in a school for department in Paris, where a "Rose Waltz," an entire novelty, is danced by schoolgirls and cadets. Madame Karntouch, who plays the Paris wife, scores a great success. In the third act in London is a "Telephone Song," where all sorts of private matters are settled.

VILLAGES RAIDED BY WOLVES.

One Attacks Man on High Road and Another a Girl Near Her Home.

Paris, Feb. 8.—A great wolf hunt is being conducted by the police of the little villages round Dijon, situated on the outskirts of the forest lands.

Every night at sunset the inhabitants turn out with torches, lanterns, and pikes for a battle. During the last few days the starving wolves have been leaving the forest and attacking the villages. Three days ago a man was attacked at night on the high road by what at first he took to be a dog. He had no light, but shouted at the beast and kicked him with his heavy hob-nailed boots, driving him off. The same night the farmyards were raided.

Yesterday a little girl very nearly fell a victim. She was attacked by a great wolf within a hundred yards of her father's house. The father heard her call for help, and dashed a lantern, which he carried, full in the face of the brute, which bolted.

The authorities have sent criers round the villages warning the inhabitants not to go out without lights after dark. So far, however, the wolves have been driven off. The same night the farmyards were raided.

Water Ladder Up the Alps—An Italian Engineer's Wonderful Canal.

The King of Italy has recently been interesting himself in a very remarkable project—the scheme of the well-known Italian engineer, Pietro Caminada, who has devised a stupendous plan for joining by Canal Genoa to Basle and the North Sea. This is no vain Utopia, but a scientific and feasible plan cleverly conceived by a man of great abilities. The Continental newspapers have taken up the matter seriously, and Signor Colombo, the famous Italian statesman, has taken considerable interest in the scheme, and it is strongly believed in Italy that the government will adopt the plan and that the wonderful canal will be constructed and become a reality in a very near future.

WORSHIP THE DEVIL

Doctor Finds Strange Sect in the Mountains.

SPENDS WEEK WITH TRIBE

Investigations Among People of Mesopotamia Reveal Peculiar Religion—Priests All Clad in White. Vision of Ezekiel Recalled by Occurrence in the Desert.

London, Feb. 8.—Dr. A. Hulme Griffith, who, with his wife, has been conducting a medical mission among the people of Mesopotamia, gives a remarkable account of his adventures.

During two years' ministrations he and his wife came in touch with 58 towns and villages, received over 2,000 out-patients, and performed over 600 operations.

The doctor spent a week with the sheikh of the Yazidis, or devil worshippers, who inhabit the mountains round Mosul. He says: "This curious tribe numbers about 20,000. They live among the mountain fastnesses, and owe allegiance to the sheikh. They are very hostile to the Turks, who are unable to subdue them, owing to the inaccessibility of their homes."

A Mysterious Religion.

"There is a great deal of mystery about their religion, and they will not admit that they worship the devil, although there is ample evidence to that effect. Their priests are all clad in white and carry with them a wand of office surmounted by a brass peacock."

"These are regarded as most sacred, and it is the boast of the Yazidis that none has ever been lost."

"At the entrance to their chief temple is the figure of a serpent. This is looked upon with great veneration, and is kept black by means of charcoal. Each worshiper kisses this serpent before entering the temple. Their religious rites, which include the use of hypnotism, are kept very secret, and are only practiced between sunset and sunrise."

"Some time ago the Turks captured their shrine, but were quite unable to make any progress with Moslem teaching, and lately handed it back to the Yazidis. The devil worshippers are afraid to venture into the towns, although numbers used to come down to me from the mountains for medical treatment."

The doctor describes, says Router, how he saw a phenomenon which was practically the vision of the prophet Ezekiel. When "by the river of Chebar" Ezekiel "saw the heavens opened and saw visions of God." The prophet describes the whirlwind and the bright colors which

BERLIN'S ELITE COMPLAIN.

Do Not Like to Attend Opera with Hot Pottol.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The first so-called society evening at the Royal Opera, which was to have been held on February 15, has been abandoned on account of the Lisbon assassination.

Those evenings were the Kaiser's own idea, and were designed to satisfy the complaints of many society folk, diplomats, officers, bankers, &c., that they could not get tickets at any time in the season owing to the huge popular demand. They refuse to take their place with patient burghers. So the Kaiser ordered that such days in every season be reserved for society's special benefit.

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The Kohinoor originally weighed 785.5 carats, reduced by successive cuttings to 280, 186.15, and 109.15 carats.

T. M. Cullinan, who gave his name to the stone, finished in the case of the setting sun far up the wall of the shaft. It proved to be the world's record diamond.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Their Two Cellmates Surprised to Find Them Gone One Morning.

Milan, Feb. 8.—A remarkably daring escape has been made from the prison at Busto-Arsizio. The prison is situated in the municipal buildings, which include also the law courts. In a large room were six prisoners, two of whom, on an awaking yesterday morning, were surprised not to see their companions, one of whom was the chief of a noted band of robbers. The daring malefactors had taken away from a folding bedstead, which was placed in the corner of the room, a bar of iron, by means of which they had, with infinite precautions, removed pieces of the flooring from underneath the bed. Then they made a hole in the wall communicating with the garden which surrounds the building.

This work must have been carried on with the greatest patience for at least two or three weeks. Every morning before the regular visit of the warders the four prisoners put everything in its place, so as not to arouse any suspicion. Their flight would seem to have been effected between midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning.

Underneath the bed the escaped prisoners had left the following letter: "Signor Director of the Prisons of Busto-Arsizio—Finding the tribunal of Busto-Arsizio too hard upon us, we have taken advantage of a hole casually found in the wall of the garden, and of the profound sleep of our two cell companions to effect our escape. With respectful salutations."

LONDON TRAFFIC FALLS OFF.

Tube Railroads Cannot Explain Decrease in Business.

London, Feb. 8.—The directors of the London underground and tube railroads are baffled in an endeavor to find an explanation of the falling off in traffic. As the surface systems, trams, and buses make the same complaint, competition does not seem a sufficient explanation. During the past six months the 2-penny tube has carried over 350,000 workmen less, though workmen are carried six miles for a penny.

During the same six months the total decrease in the passengers within London was 15,000,000.



Shop where the Hewton Abbot Suffragettes took Refuge

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